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1. I delivered to Mr. Mahon the Director's letter and statement regarding the CIA building and discussed the matter at some length with him. He appeared reasonably optimistic that the House Conferees might accept the Senate language and he will try to secure this for us. Mr. Mahon plans to go to Western Europe, largely on military matters, and I offered any assistance which we could give him. He was not certain that he would have time for a briefing or looking into any CIA installations abroad, but it is recommended that this offer be renewed.

2. I left copies of the DCI statement with the staff of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee for their use in connection with the Conference, and also talked with Mr. Sprankle, Chief Clerk, and his assistant, Mr. Wilson, who were preparing material for the House Conferees.

3. I delivered copies of a letter from the Director to the office of Chairman Cannon and Hayden and copies of the Director's letter to Congressman Mahon and to the offices of Congressmen Scrivner, Sheppard, Wigglesworth and Sikes. I also delivered copies to Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Rexroad, of the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Mr. Rexroad will turn this over to Sen. Chavez. I have also talked with Mr. Fisher, Assistant to Sen. Saltonstall, and Mr. Gleason, Assistant to Sen. Knowland, and urged that the Senate insist on the Senate language.

4. Mr. Sprankle has handed me a copy of a letter to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget dated 25 July 1955, signed by Chairman Cannon of the House Appropriations Committee, stating that the carry-over of the CIA reserve has been granted for Fiscal Year 1956, but has not been placed on an "available until expended" basis.

5. I have talked with Mr. Clive DuVal, General Counsel of the USIA, who is engaged in lobbying against the CIA location in Langley. Mr. DuVal felt that our use of the Langley site would raise taxes and cause problems in connection with water and sewer traffic, which were not what he desired for the area. I told him that I thought his fears in this connection were exaggerated and that we did not believe that we would have a

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major impact on the area. The conversation was amicable, with neither side convinced by the other.

6. In view of the fact that Mr. Winkler's attorney has received a telegram from Winkler agreeing to \$350,000 for 100 acres, we are asking the Conferees not to consider raising that figure to \$500,000, but merely to accept the Senate language.

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